

City of Newport Beach

Newport Beach City Arts Commission November 13, 2008 – 5:00pm Central Library Friends Room

Convened at 5:06pm

Call To Order And Roll Call

Commissioners Present: Robert Smith
Wendy Brooks
Kirwan Rockefeller, Vice Chair
Robyn Grant, Chair
Rita Goldberg
Gil Lasky

Commissioners Absent: Gerald Allison

Staff Present: Jana Barbier, Staff Liaison, Cultural Arts Coordinator

Public Present: George Peters, Pat Jorgensen

Public Comments:

Peters introduced himself and explained that he represents a group called "Timeless Creations" that creates fine art sculpture. Mr. Peters shared a packet of information illustrating a good number of the sculptures. Arts Commission Chair, Robyn Grant asked that staff keep the packet on file in the office for future reference.

Pat Jorgensen discussed alternative locations for the Art in the Park event planned by the Arts Foundation. The event is scheduled for June 13 but Grant Howald Park will be off-limits at that time due to construction. Staff agreed to set up a meeting a Newport Coast to discuss the site as an option. Commissioner Grant commented on the creative events planned by the Art Foundation members.

Approval of Minutes:

It was MSP (Rockefeller/Brooks) to approve the October 6, 2008 minutes.

New Business:

None

Continued Business:

Staff Report /Correspondence - Staff report and correspondence were reviewed and filed.

Committee Updates:

Fine Arts Committee – Commissioner Rockefeller reported that current library artist Ralph Velasco would be holding his reception on Wednesday, November 19 at 5:30pm. Rockefeller asked commissioners to attend to show their support. The next exhibition will feature photographer Evelyn Morris; her reception will be on **Monday, January 12** at 5:30pm.

Performing Arts Committee – Commissioner Goldberg reported that she is actively pursuing a collaborative sponsorship for a musical performance with Pacific Symphony. Discussion ensued regarding concerts that would be specifically planned, a joint concert with SundayFunday, Newport Coast as a viable performance venue, and whether to produce one or two comedies with Shakespeare by the Sea this summer; and which park-site to use.

Cultural Arts Center – Commissioner Brooks read aloud a letter she had written regarding a cultural center in Newport Beach. Discussion ensued as to the likelihood of the Arts Commission being consulted regarding the architecture for city hall. Arts Commissioners elected to wait until an architect was selected (in two weeks) and opted to let City Council know that they are available to assist with any arts-related, aesthetic issues that may arise.

Arts Foundation Liaison Committee – Reported on under Public Comments.

Art in Public Places/Historical Preservation Committees - Commissioner Smith noted that he would be getting an update on the Medical Bldg. on Westcliff Dr. He asked if the commission would begin the next meeting with a report from the Art in Public Places/Historical Preservation Committee. Smith noted that he hoped the architectural design committee for City Hall would request input from the library board and arts commission in developing spaces between the two buildings. Rockefeller noted that ad hoc committees appointed by City Council always welcome public comments. Grant suggested the Arts Commission proceed in a very broad manner to advise Council on matters pertaining to City Hall in anticipation of a formal request from Council to advise them on specific arts and cultural elements in City Hall.

It was MSP (Grant/Rockefeller) to adjourn the meeting.
Adjournment: 6:55p.m.